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TITLE: Methods to form electronic devices

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A first electrode and a doped oxide layer laterally proximate thereof are provided over a substrate. A silicon nitride layer is formed over both the doped oxide layer and the first electrode to a thickness of no greater than 80 Angstroms over at least the **first electrode** by low pressure chemical vapor deposition at a pressure of at least 1 Torr, a temperature of less than 700.degree. C. and using feed gases comprising a silicon hydride and ammonia. The substrate with silicon nitride layer is exposed to oxidizing conditions comprising at least 700.degree. C. to form a silicon dioxide layer over the silicon nitride layer, with the thickness of silicon nitride over the doped oxide layer being sufficient to shield oxidizable substrate material beneath the doped oxide layer from oxidizing during the exposing. A second electrode is formed over the silicon dioxide layer and the first electrode. In another implementation, a layer comprising undoped oxide is formed over a doped oxide layer. A first electrode is formed proximate the undoped oxide layer and the undoped oxide layer. With the undoped oxide layer being outwardly exposed, a silicon nitride layer is formed on the undoped oxide layer and over the first electrode by low pressure chemical vapor deposition to a thickness of no greater than 80 Angstroms. Also disclosed are methods of forming transistor gate constructions and methods of forming electronic device

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| 1 | BRS  | L1  | 20512 | (first adj electrode) and (second adj electrode)         | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>08:42 |
| 2 | BRS  | L2  | 35854 | (first adj electrode) and<br>(second adj electrode)      | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>08:43 |
| 3 | BRS  | L3  | 302   | 2 and oxynitride   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>08:43 |
| 4 | BRS  | L4  | 43    | 3 and (gate adj dielectric)                              | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>08:43 |
| 5 | BRS  | L5  | 33    | 4 and (silicon adj dioxide)                              | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>08:44 |
| 6 | BRS  | L6  | 11    | 5 and (re-oxidize or<br>re-ozidizing or<br>re-oxidation) | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>08:47 |

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| 7  | BRS  | L7  | 5     | 6 and ((rapid adj thermal)<br>or (rapid adj anneal)) | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>08:48 |
| 8  | BRS  | L8  | 5     | 7 and (oxynitride)                                   | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>09:11 |
| 9  | BRS  | L9  | 31729 | oxygen-containing                                    | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:12 |
| 10 | BRS  | L10 | 301   | 9 and ((rapid adj anneal)                            | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:12 |
| 11 | BRS  | L11 | 84    | 10 and oxynitride                                    | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:21 |



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| 12 | BRS  |     | 1186 | (anneal or annealing or annealed or thermal) same (gate adj dielectric)             | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>09:22 |
| 13 | BRS  | L14 | 157  | 13 and (conductive adj<br>gate)   | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>09:22 |
| 14 | BRS  | L15 | 84   | 14 and (silicon adj<br>dioxide)   | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>09:35 |
| 15 | BRS  | L17 | 400  | oxygen adj containing adj<br>plasma   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:36 |
| 16 | BRS  | L18 | 291  | 17 and (oxygen-containing)  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>09:36 |
| 17 | BRS  | L19 | 17   | 18 and (gate adj<br>dielectric)   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:41 |
| 18 | BRS  | L20 | 0    | ((re adj2 oxidizing) or (re adj3 oxidation) or (re adj3 oxidize)) same mixture same | TDO.   | 2002/08/21          |

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| 19 | BRS  | L21 | 170  | ((re adj2 oxidizing) or (re<br>adj3 oxidation) or (re adj3<br>oxidize)) same mixture | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD      | 2002/08/21<br>09:43 |
| 20 | BRS  | L25 | 3    | 21 and H2  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>09:44 |
| 21 | BRS  | L29 |      | ((re-oxidizing) or<br>(re-oxidize) or<br>(re-oxidation))                             | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:46 |
| 22 | BRS  | L30 | 150  | 29 same mixture  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>09:54 |
| 23 | BRS  | L32 | 1    | N2O/H2   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:57 |

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| 24 | BRS  | L34 | 14424 | (stablizing or stablize or<br>stablized or stable) same<br>(nitrogen) | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD      | 2002/08/21<br>09:59 |
| 25 | BRS  | L35 | 2347  | 34 and plasma   | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>09:58 |
| 26 | BRS  | L36 | 107   | and (onlygen containing)  | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:58 |
| 27 | BRS  | L37 | 1238  |   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>09:59 |
| 28 | BRS  | L38 | 60    | 37 and (silicon adj<br>dioxide)                                       | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B |                     |

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| 29 | BRS  | L39 | 5    | 38 and (oxynitride)                                       | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>10:03 |
| 30 | BRS  | L40 | 4660 | (forming or form or formed)<br>near10 (oxygen-containing) | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>10:04 |
| 31 | BRS  | L41 | 21   |   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21<br>10:23 |
| 32 | IS&R | L42 | 706  | (438/287,288,769,770).CCLS.                               | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>10:23 |
| 33 | BRS  | L43 | 26   | 42 and ((re-oxidizing) or (re-oxidation))                 | USPAT :  | 2002/08/21<br>10:24 |



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| 1 | BRS  | L1  | 23016 | oxygen-containing   | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>14:18 |
| 2 | BRS  | L2  | 48751 | oxygen adj3 containing  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD      | 2002/08/21<br>14:19 |
| 3 | BRS  | L3  | 217   | 2 and (re adj3 (oxidize or<br>oxidizing or oxidation))  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>14:20 |
| 4 | BRS  | L4  | 8     | 3 and (oxynitride)  | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>14:25 |
| 5 | BRS  | L5  | 0     | (re adj3 (oxidize or oxidized or oxidized or oxidizing or oxidation)) same (rapid adj3 (thermal or anneal or annealing)) same (plasma adj3 induced) | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B                         | 2002/08/21          |
| 6 | BRS  | L6  |       | <pre>(re adj3 (oxidize or oxidized or oxidizing or oxidation)) same (rapid adj3 (thermal or anneal or annealing))</pre>                             | USPAT;<br>US-PGP<br>UB;<br>EPO;<br>JPO;<br>DERWEN<br>T;<br>IBM_TD<br>B | 2002/08/21<br>14:29 |

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| 7 | BRS  | L7  | 5    | 6 same oxynitride   | USPAT; US-PGP UB; EPO; JPO; DERWEN T; IBM_TD B | 2002/08/21<br>14:30 |
| 8 | BRS  | L8  |      | (oxidizer or oxidizers)<br>near10 (hydrogen same<br>hydrogen) | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>14:31 |
| 9 | BRS  | L9  | 2    | 8 and oxynitride  | USPAT  | 2002/08/21<br>14:39 |